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SENATE HAS DEMANDED MORE INFORMATION ON FOUR-POWER TREATY

Hitchcock Resolution Calling on President Harding for More Details Concerning the Framing of the Treaty Was Passed After Debate

SENATE TOOK UP CONFERENCE FOR FIRST TIME

Defenders of Treaty and of Administration Claim There Are Few, If Any Documents, in Possession of the President Because Negotiations Were Oral

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The resolution asking President Harding for full information regarding the negotiations of the four-power Pacific treaty was adopted by the Senate today, after a debate in which the arms conference policies were discussed generally for the first time on the Senate floor.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Adoption by the Senate of the resolution of Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, Nebraska, asking President Harding for additional information about the four-power treaty was virtually agreed to today after a two-hour discussion in the foreign relations committee.

On the Hitchcock resolution, which was expected to have the support of Republicans reluctant to accept the four power treaty, administration leaders said that little if any documents or other information was in the hands of the president or the state department which has not already been transmitted formally to the Senate.

Mr. Hitchcock, however, has declared that the American delegates report contained virtually nothing on the negotiation of this treaty. This was said by administration leaders to be because practically all of the negotiations were oral and few minutes or notes were kept of the conversations.

WEALTHY WOMEN MUST GO TO WORK

Bulgarian Peasant Government Proposes Compulsory Work for Women

Sofia, Feb. 16.—Compulsory work for women is to be imposed by the Bulgarian peasant government. The peasant women who do manual labor, say partisans of the law, will take pleasure in "seeing those ladies in silk stockings" rustle about a bit.

Premier Stamboulsky, justifying the new law in a recent speech, said: "A peasant woman works in the country, ploughing the ground, often doing more work than the husband. She spins the wool and weaves the cloth for the family's clothes. What does the town lady do? She walks and chats and does not give birth to children. We must, at least, compel her to labor for the state."

The law is to be applied first in the capital, Sofia, then in the smaller cities and eventually in the villages and country, where, however, custom and necessity leave few idle.

ULSTER CONSTABLES ARREST SEUMS MONAGHAN

And Other Men Prominent in Republican Army Circles in Ireland

Belfast, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—A sensation has been caused at Newry by the arrest by Ulster special constables of Seumas Monaghan, local commandant of the Irish republic army, and two other republican officers, Patrick and Michael Murray.

The officers were proceeding from Killeel, county Down, in the direction of Killeen when captured. They were taken to Lisnacroghy, where they were searched, and afterwards were conveyed to the Newry military barracks under heavy escort.

The Murphys are brothers of P. Murray, chairman of the Killeel band of guards.

It is stated that an automatic pistol was found in the possession of Monaghan and sedition literature in the pockets of the two Murphys.

Subsequently, John McDowell and Richard Duran were arrested by other special constables near the Belfast railway station, the source of Belfast's water supply.

Five young men, arrested at Hilltown, South Down, on Friday, after the funeral of a Sinn Féin commandant, will be tried at Rathfriland tomorrow, one of them charged with carrying a rifle and the other with unlawful assemblies.

PEOPLE OF DENMARK HIT BY LOCKOUT

Almost Impossible to Get Supplies—No Retaliatory Strike Has Been Started

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 16.—(By Associated Press).—The general lockout declared yesterday throughout Denmark, affecting nearly all industries and about 150,000 employees, had not up to this forenoon been met by the retaliatory move of a general strike some organized labor elements threatened.

It is already practically impossible to get supplies and as one consequence the bread supply is endangered. The trouble arose because of an attempted 20 per cent cut in wages with longer hours.

DROPS DISCOUNT RATE

Bank of England To-day Reduced Rate to 4-1-2 Per Cent

London, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The Bank of England to-day reduced its rate of discount to 4-1-2 per cent.

The reduction of the bank rate was primarily made possible by the recent large reduction in the government's floating debt and currency circulation, which contributed to the plethora of funds in the money market, permitting the placing of treasury bills at a lower rate and the suspension of the five per cent bond issue.

For a long time the bank's minimum rate has been quite out of proportion to the market rates and as the advance in New York exchange removed one of the adverse conditions in the financial situation, assisted by larger investment of American funds here the bank of England was enabled to give the trading community the relief of reduction of one-half of one per cent in the official minimum.

Discount rates have been remarkably weak during the past few days and only a slight adjustment will be necessary to meet the revised minimum rate.

GENOA CONFERENCE TO GO OVER THREE WEEKS

It Was Conceded in British Circles That French Had Won Their Contentions

London, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The probability of a delay of three weeks in the opening of the Genoa economic conference was conceded in British official circles today. This was the first intimation in such circles that the French were likely to win their contention that it was impossible to start the conference on the date originally chosen, March 8.

EPSOM SALTS HAD POISON

Five Children at Central, Wash., Were Killed

Central, Wash., Feb. 16.—The package of epsom salts from which Mrs. Edward R. Hotch of Killeen, Wash., administered doses to her five children last Saturday, after which all five died, contained about 10 per cent poison, according to Herman Allen, prosecuting attorney, following an analysis by the state chemist.

Lacrosse Schedule

Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The lacrosse schedule of Hobart college, announced today including the following: April 15, Oxford university of England; May 6, Harvard university; May 17, Yale university. All the games will be played here.

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS REDUCED \$3,000 IN LAST YEAR

A. L. Dismore, Mrs. Maria Knowlton, A. Lee Cady, Hudson Fifield and Rev. J. Wesley Miller were in Gayville yesterday to attend the funeral of O. J. Richardson, former Bethel people at the funeral were Benben, Boutwell of East Haddam, Conn., and Mrs. Henry Little of White River Junction.

The annual report of the town auditors now in the printer's hands indicates a reduction in town indebtedness during the year of \$3,125.70. The present debt is \$5,302.52. The net expenditures of the year included state taxes of \$4,612.90, interest \$816.75, highways \$12,066.51, poor, \$1,938.21; town officials, \$1,141.14; total, \$21,334.64. Net income derived from taxes (\$24,172.69) and dogs (\$287.65) was \$24,460.34.

Charles Badger has come from Underhill to work for the Grand Union Tea company. He and his wife are living in the Waldo house on River street.

The Woman's Relief corps have secured rooms for their meetings in the City block over the postoffice.

W. N. Salter is preparing to move back to his South Royalton home.

Mrs. Ellen Kittredge, who was seriously ill recently, now is better than for some years.

Dorothy Galanti is working in Woburn, Mass., and his family will join him soon.

Mrs. H. J. Kidder has returned home from Brookfield, Mass.

Mrs. Flora Chase is visiting in the home of Sam L. Abbott at Hingham, Mass.

5,000 TROOPS IN READINESS

Are Being Held for Any Emergency on Mexican Border

MEXICAN REBELS GATHER ON HILLS

Rumor Has It That As Many As 3,000 Have Been Collected

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—Five thousand troops at Fort Bliss were being held to-day ready for any emergency which might arise along the border. They were mobilized last night when rumors were scattered in Juarez and El Paso that three thousand men were assembling in the hills south of Juarez and that the Juarez garrison was expected to "revolt."

Juarez military and civilian officials strongly denied each report but admitted they are aware that revolutionaries are trying to recruit men in Chihuahua.

TAYLOR'S PAPERS ARE REPORTED MISSING

Oil Stock and Money on Which He Was Reported to Be Preparing to Pay Taxes Has Not Been Found

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—Oil stock and money, believed to have constituted part of the estate of William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, are missing, according to Charles A. Jones, investigator for the district attorney.

Jones made this statement after checking up Taylor's papers and belongings and then conferring with Mrs. R. M. Berger, an income tax expert with whom Taylor is said to have discussed his 1921 income tax report a short time before he was killed.

From this it was learned, according to Jones, that Taylor was prepared to pay a tax on securities and money which have not been found.

Further investigation into the murder was planned for to-day. District Attorney Woolwine stated witnesses would be questioned at their homes by his agents. It was believed the publicity attending their visits to his office frightened persons into keeping to themselves what might prove valuable clues.

WAS WITNESS AT HIS OWN INQUEST

Came Back to Prove He Is Alive—Appearance Changes Plans of "Widow" to Re-Marry

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Jeremie Belliveau enjoys the distinction of having been the central figure at his own inquest. The jury decided he was alive. Six months ago a body found in the Lachine canal was identified as that of Belliveau, who had been missing. A coroner's jury found a verdict of accidental death, and in time Madame Belliveau made plans to re-marry. Then, Belliveau made a comeback by coming back.

The coroner was called upon once more, this time to state what was to be done about the living. Belliveau explained that he had been unavoidably detained in jail for six months.

NATIONAL WEEK FOR WINE

Has Been Declared Upon By French Wine Growers

Paris, Feb. 16.—A national week for wine is the title which has been given to a convention of representatives of wine growers and sales agents that will sit in Paris under the presidency of former minister of agriculture, J. H. Ricard, from March 12 to 19.

The closing of the United States market has caused a tremendous injury to the wine trade in France. The fact that the Scandinavian states have also gone dry or on rations of intoxicants and South American vineyards are daily becoming larger and more productive thus restricting imports to the lowest ebb in years, has awakened the French wine growers to their danger.

Wine stocks have accumulated although there has been no decrease in the price of wine to the trade or consumer.

One of the most important articles on the agenda of the convention is the following: "Investigate and report on the sale of wine in the United States; how public opinion in the United States is disposed toward the present dry regime; is there any reason to suppose that some modification will be adopted allowing wine to enter? What are the trends in existence by which the present law is being evaded?"

Another article reads: "Establishing closer relations between American wine buyers and French wine selling agents in order to ensure the authenticity of French wine and avoid falsification. Collaborate in attempt to revert to former international agreements and internal legislation in the United States."

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Miss Marjorie Stockwell of Burlington is visiting at E. P. Fisher's.

Mrs. E. A. Fisher will entertain the Women's club next Monday evening at a guest night and musical.

The A. L. Town basketball team met defeat Tuesday evening in the town hall at the hands of the West Lebanon, N. H., town team. The score was 23 to 18.

SALES TAX IS HARDING PLAN

As Only Practicable Means of Raising Money for Bonus

HE INFORMED CONGRESS TO-DAY

In a Communication To Chairman Fordney of Was and Means Com.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—President Harding informed Congress to-day he considered a general sales tax the only feasible method of raising funds for a soldier bonus.

The executive in a letter addressed to Chairman Fordney of the House ways and means committee and Chairman McCumber of the Senate finance committee suggested that unless Congress saw fit to enact a sales tax passage of bonus legislation should be temporarily postponed.

"I believe," the president wrote, "the American people will accept the levy of a general sales tax to meet the proposed bonus payments, and we should contribute thereby no added difficulties to the problems of readjustment. If Congress will not adopt such a plan it would be wise to let the legislation go over until there is a situation which will justify the large outlay."

Declaring that the government had under consideration the disposition of surplus war properties and other transactions which should bring "great relief" to the treasury, the president said it would be wise to let the legislation go over if Congress did not deem it advisable to adopt the sales tax.

The president's letter was regarded generally at the Capitol as leaving the bonus situation even more complicated than before. Senate and House subcommittees were to meet late in the day to receive and consider the White House communication.

COLD WAVES GRIPS EASTERN SECTION

"Freezing Temperature" Is Forecast for Northern Portion of Florida

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Fair weather in the states east of the Mississippi and a cold wave in New England, eastern New York, northern New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania was forecast by the weather bureau for to-night and Friday.

The area of low temperature, it was predicted, would reach as far south as Florida, "freezing temperature" being forecast for the northern portions of that state and general frosts in the interior sections.

Two disturbances of more than ordinary intensity were noted, one central off Cape Hatteras, moving northeast, and the other over British Columbia.

New York, Feb. 16.—The weather bureau to-day warned that a disturbance now off Cape Hatteras was moving rapidly northward and probably would reach gale force this afternoon and to-day. Warnings were ordered hoisted between New York and Eastport, Me.

Against Harry Davis Who Was Caught in St. John, P. Q.

Rutland, Feb. 16.—Harry Davis, age 30, who for eight months has been private secretary for County Road Commissioner W. R. Bush at his stock farm in Benson, was brought here yesterday from St. John's, Quebec, by Deputy Sheriff Ernest Leblanc of Rutland and will be arraigned in city court on the charge of embezzlement of \$300 from his employer.

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JUVENILE MARRIAGES ON THE INCREASE

The 1920 Census Discloses 1600 Boys and 12,834 Girls of 15 Years Were Married.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Sixteen hundred boys and 12,834 girls 15 years of age in the United States were listed as married in 1920, the census bureau announced to-day. Eighty-two boys and 490 girls of the same age were recorded as widowed or divorced.

The analysis revealed a distinct increase during the recent years, or since the 1910 census in the percentage of married persons for each year of age from 15 to 34, especially among the younger members of this group. The age group from 25 to 34, inclusive, also showed an increase in the ratio of married persons in the decade, although less pronounced, especially among the women, while the proportion for persons 45 years of age and older showed a decrease.

In 1920 the figures show 3,223 boys of 16 years or three tenths of one per cent of the total of that age compared with one-tenth of one per cent in 1910, were married, while those 17 years of age married numbered 7,699 or eight-tenths of one per cent of the total of that age compared with half that proportion ten years prior to 18 years of age increased from 13,321 or 1.4 per cent of the total male population at that age, in 1910 to 24,400 or 2.7 per cent of the corresponding total in 1920.

The number of married girls 16 years of age increased from 34,280 or 4.2 per cent of the total female population at that age in 1910, to 41,626 or 4.2 per cent of the corresponding total in 1920. The number married at 17 years of age increased from 76,685 or 8.7 per cent, to 90,930 or 9.8 per cent; the number 18 years of age increased from 224,970 or 25.2 per cent, to 265,607, or 28.6 per cent.

The statistics showed the number of single persons more than 50 years of age was 1,440,514, including 804,406 men and 636,108 women.

SHARPLY CRITICIZED ATTY.-GEN. DAUGHERTY

H. E. Hart Claims the Official Favors Mail Order Houses in Contrast to Home Merchants.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—H. E. Hart of Long Prairie, Minn., speaking before the interstate merchants' council to-day, said that there seemed to be only one class of merchandise distributors that have had a "good standing" with either the Democratic or Republican administration and that is the mail order houses. He charged that Attorney General Daugherty's statements regarding retail prices were unjust.

"What would it be worth to the mail order business to have the public educated by the attorney general and radical newspapers to believe that every time they made a purchase at a retail store they were being held up and robbed? It would mean millions of extra trade for the mail order concerns," Mr. Hart said.

"If you are going to be successful in 1922, you must meet this vicious propaganda, you must answer the question in your advertising to your own community. You stand convicted without a trial by one of our national officials."

"Who is this man Daugherty? Where did he come from? I believe President Harding, much as I like him, made a mistake in choosing this man as attorney general because a lawyer is supposed to know the law and law is founded on common sense and justice, both of which seem to be lacking in Daugherty."

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ASK RECEIVER FOR A UNION

Action Started Against Maintenance of Way and Shop Laborers

INJUNCTION ALSO PETITIONED FOR

By Bacon Brothers Company of Toledo in United States Court

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 16.—Appointment of a receiver for the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers is asked in a petition filed in federal court here late yesterday by the Bacon Brothers company of Toledo, it became known to-day.

The petition asks that the receiver take possession of all property of the Brotherhood within jurisdiction of this court, including all money on deposit in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Co-operative National bank of Cleveland, and that a temporary restraining order be issued enjoining E. Frank Grable, individually and as president of the Brotherhood, and all other officers from withdrawing, transferring, assigning or encumbering any of the funds of the Brotherhood on deposit in the Cleveland bank.

GODDARD DEFEATED

Dropped First Game on Trip to Cushing, 42 to 23.

Ashburnham, Mass., Feb. 16.—Though the Cushing academy basketball team led by only two points at the end of the first half in their game with Goddard last night, the Goddard quintet traveled at a much faster pace in the second period and won, 42 to 23. Jennings, right forward for Cushing, was the individual star of the game. He caged seven shots from the floor. The summary:

Cushing	Gls.	Fts.	Pts.
Jennings, rf	7	0	14
Wilkinson, rf	1	0	2
Griffiths, lf	5	0	10
Coleman, c	0	0	0
Coleman, lf	3	0	6
Halloran, rf	1	0	2
Payne, lf	1	0	2
Totals	18	6	42

Goddard	Gls.	Fts.	Pts.
M'Ghan, lf	0	0	0
Taylor, lf	2	0	4
Johnson, rf	0	0	0
Driscoll, lf	2	0	4
Brickey, lf	1	0	2
Byran, rf	4	5	23
Totals	9	5	23

HOLDS UP EXPENSE BILLS

State Board of Control Lays Two Matters on Table.

The state board of control met this morning in session for the first time, since Gov. Hartness was taken sick some weeks ago. The matter of a request for \$3,000 additional appropriation for forest fire protection next spring, as proposed by State Forester G. W. Hastings, was laid on the table. Commissioner of Industries J. S. Buttles brought up the matter of the industrial directory of the state now being prepared, and the board decided to let the matter of publishing the directory lie for the present pending further consideration by Gov. Hartness and Roland Stevens of the board.

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